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Sen. Allen announces grant awarded to Cheboygan

Lansing – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, announced Friday that Cheboygan will receive a \$353,600 Community Development Block Grant to create additional downtown housing.

The grant will allow Cheboygan County to develop 10 housing units in vacant storage spaces above commercial buildings in downtown. The city of Cheboygan must match 25 percent of the grant, or \$88,400.

“I’m happy to see this project funded,” Allen said. “This is a great opportunity for the city of Cheboygan. Developing these housing units will help create jobs and stimulate economic growth by attracting families to downtown Cheboygan.”

Grants totaling more than \$2.7 million were awarded to nine communities across the state to help create 77 housing units in central business districts and downtowns.

The grants were made possible through a partnership between the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

“This grant will allow Cheboygan to turn these empty spaces into homes for families,” Allen said. “Downtowns are the heart of our communities. This is a positive way to turn things around and help invigorate our downtowns.”

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